

Dear Commissioners,

As a consumer I am not opposed to a Sirius/XM merger, but I do have certain reservations I feel the Commission should address. My main concern is product pricing. I feel this is the one place where a merger could hurt consumers. If I remember correctly, when competition began XM was priced at \$9.99/month and Sirius at \$12.95/month. Soon after XM raised its fees to match Sirius'. Without competition or some other regulatory means, there is nothing keeping the merged entity from constantly raising its rates like my monopolistic cable company.

In terms of content, there is definitely plenty of competition for music. The rise of MP3 players and burnable CDs has seen to that. Most of the third party talk programming (Radio Disney, CNBC, Fox News, etc.) is duplicated on each service, so presumably they would stay. It is the exclusive third party content that could be lost. Channels such as World Radio Network, The Catholic Channel, RCI Plus, & CBC programming could easily be lost in the merger. I hope if the FCC approves the merger, that you would require the unified company to continue hosting these exclusive providers for at least a 5-year period.

Sincerely,
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